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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO POPE PAUL VI

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO HIS HOLINESS, POPE PAUL: QUOTE YOUR HOLINESS, I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR CLEO A. NOEL, JR., AND MR. GEORGE C. MOORE.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS CRUEL AND WANTON ACT WILL STIMULATE ALL NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY AGAINST TERRORISM. I KNOW THAT YOU, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OF GOOD WILL, SHARE MY HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON UNQUOTE

2. FOR EMBASSY' S INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM MONSIGNOR FRANCESCO DE NITTIS, CHARGE D' AFFAIRES A. I., APOSTOLIC DELEGATION: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF HIS  
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HOLINESS HAS DIRECTED ME TO INFORM YOU OF THE PROFOUND SORROW WITH WHICH POPE PAUL VI RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE CRUEL SLAYING OF THE AMBASSADOR AND THE CHARGE D' AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUDAN.

HIS HOLINESS WISHES TO OFFER HIS MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE.

IN EXPRESSING HIS PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY, HIS HOLINESS AGAIN JOINS MEN OF GOOD WILL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN DEPLORING VIOLENCE.

THE INHUMAN ACTS PERPETRATED AGAINST THESE TWO DIPLOMATS ARE ESPECIALLY LAMENTABLE BECAUSE OF THE OFFICE AND MISSION OF THE VICTIMS.

ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED FRANCESCO DE NITTIS, CHARGE D' AFFAIRES A. I. UNQUOTE.

3. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. ROGERS

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